

La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705
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La Peña Cultural Center

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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Wednesdays: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Thursdays: 11am-2pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 10am-10:30pm
Sundays: 10am-9:30pm
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* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change.
La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California and the National Performance Network (NPN).

Two-Month Calendar

See back for June

Take Direct Action, End the War in Iraq!
Visit: www.actagainstwar.net for info.

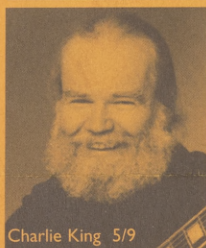


www.lapena.org

The Longshore Union has declared May Day: No Peace, No Work. Join them at 10:30AM on May 1st. @ Mason & Beach Sts. in San Francisco

La Peña Cultural Center Calendar of Events • May 2008

(JUNE 08 ON THE BACK)



Charlie King 5/9



The Prince Myshkins 5/9



Fernandito Ferrer 5/1



Mauricio Diaz El Hueso 5/1



Michael Capozzola 5/8



Ise Lyfe 5/2



Los Mapaches 5/10



La Peña Community Chorus 5/31



Las Manas Tres 5/16



Akosua 5/22



Familia Peña-Govea 5/3



Venezuelan Music Project 5/30

SUNDAY

4 DOMINGO DE RUMBA

3:30 - 6PM

Fundraiser event for *Dreamcatchers Homeless Shelter for Teens*.

Nothin' to Somethin'

An evening of poetry, rap, and dance performances by high school students from Oakland High School to raise money for teens in need.

7:30pm \$5 All ages!*

11 CONCERT

A Mothers Day Concert! The Decker Family Band

Eleanor, Eve and Ben, the Deckers, are a musical family with a long history of performance for both children and adults. They are charismatic performers who bring a sense of authenticity, kindness, and joy to their brand of family music.

4:30-6pm \$10 gen. \$5 kids

18 DOMINGO DE RUMBA

3:30 - 6PM

Benefit Film Screening
Is your community about to be banished?

Banished

(Dir. by Marco Williams, 102 min., 2007), followed by a panel and speak out on today's Black communities threatened with banishment.

Benefit for SF Bay View and Black Report Radio.
6pm \$10 donation*
(no one turned away for lack of funds)

25 CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN

CHECK WWW.LAPENA.ORG FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING

Afro Cuban Conga Class with Master Percussionist **Sandy Perez**
Intermediate & Advanced
Saturdays 1:15-2:45pm, CR I, Starts May 3, \$15/class
Rumbas, guaguanco & columbia, palo, iyesa, guiro & comparsa.
For more info: www.lapena.org

MON. & TUES. MUSIC CLASSES

7 BENEFIT

The People Power Tour

Featuring **Geologic** aka **Prometheus Brown** (From *Blue Scholars*), **KIWI** (Formerly of *Native Guns*).

Doors @ 8:30pm
Show @ 9pm \$15*

Proceeds will be donated to *Bayan USA*, a coalition of progressive Filipino American organizations advocating for social justice and democracy in the Philippines.

14 LESBIAN-IDENTIFIED WOMEN'S POETRY & OPEN MIKE 7-9PM

South Berkeley Youth Arts Summit

Longfellow Middle School's Dance Envisions (salsa, hiphop, tango), *Ballet Folklórico* (Mexican), *Malcolm X Elementary School's Bhangra Dance* (from Punjab, North India), *Kids Bomba workshop* (Puerto Rican music & dance) & *Circus Arts Classes*.

7pm \$8gen. \$5 students w/ID

20 BOOK RELEASE

State of Exile
The poetry of exiled Uruguayan lesbian poet & novelist, **Cristina Peri Rossi**

Speakers & guest poets:
Cherrie Moraga, **Graciela Trevisan**, **Mitsuye Yamada**, & **Maisha Quint**.
7pm \$10 don.*

21 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM

The Bay Area's newest Latin Groove sensation
Benito Cereno

With Manny Martinez, Sandra Garcia Rivera, Hector Lugo, Ayla Davila, Javier Navarrette, Dave Flores, Camilo Landau & Peter Meredith. Poets: Alfonso Texidor, Avotcja, Sandra Garcia Rivera, Freddy Gutierrez, Alejandra Mojica.
8pm \$10

28 CAFEVALPARAISO OPEN

Free Informational Meeting by the **Alliance for California Traditional Arts**

Come and learn about funding opportunities for folk and traditional artists and organizations.
For information, contact Lily at (415) 346-5200 and actaonline.org.

6:30-8pm Free

WWW.LAPENA.ORG

THURSDAY

1 MEXICO & PUERTO RICO CONCERT

The most influential young singer-songwriters of Mexico & Puerto Rico meet in a must see performance.

Mauricio Diaz El Hueso

(Mexico)

Fernandito Ferrer

(Puerto Rico)

For the first time together in the Bay Area.

8pm \$10

8 STAND UP COMEDY

Bay Area based stand up comedian & cartoonist.
Michael Capozzola

The S.F. Chronicle carries his cartoon "Cheap City" every week. Like his comedy act, the cartoon includes creative problem solving for social ills and cheap solutions and quick fixes for life and city living. Each year Michael produces & hosts the Cartoon Art Museum's annual "Comics for Comix" comedy fundraiser.
8pm \$12
www.Capozzola.com

15 HIP-HOP THEATER

Def Poet, Hip-Hop artist & USF teacher
Paul S. Flores
directs a performance featuring students from his Performing Arts class.

Aliso in Workerland

Written and performed by **Luis "Xago" Juárez**.
Stand witness to the chaos of a minority everyman, an anti-hero spilling over cultural, commercial, and generational borders.

8pm \$10

22 CONCERT

Oakland based singer-songwriter brings the fresh new sound of Jazz Inspired Folk to sweeten the jaded ear.
Akosua

Recently awarded a matching grant from the East Bay Community Foundation in support of her Debut Album Project, Akosua will give this fundraising concert to help make her grant match. Come out and support vibrant independent music!
8pm \$10

29 CONCERT

Beat Boxing like you never knew existed.
This show will move you and blow you away with its ever changing variety of artists.

Speak the Music

Performers include **Butterscotch**, **Soulati** and **Infinite** from **Felonious**, **Syzygy**, **Eachbox**, **Monkstilo**, **Constant Change**, **Cornbread**, **D.C.**, **Icebox**, **Tim Barsky**, **The Genie**, **Maximillion** & more.
8pm \$8 All ages!

FRIDAY

2 HIP HOP

The Function

Hip Hop showcase featuring **Ise Lyfe**
BUMP Records (CD release), **The League** and more!!!

Doors @ 8pm
Show @ 9pm

\$10 gen. \$5 students w/ID
\$7 before 9:30pm

9 CONCERT

The finest purveyors of biting satire & heartfelt hope-mongering political songs.
Charlie King

has been at the heart of American folk music for over 40 years.

The Prince Myshkins

A folk/cabaret guitar/accordion duo
Roy Zimmerman
A musical satirist of funny songs about ignorance, war & greed.
8pm \$15 adv. \$18 dr.

16 HIP-HOP THEATER

hybrid poetas bringing the fuerte flava, heating the heart and melting the mind.
Delina Brooks'

"*Beauty, The Beast*", a biographical dance-theater play of poetry, song, & dance.
Guerrilla Radio

by El Teatro Campesino
An acto tackling media reform and the National Association of Broadcasters.
8pm \$10

23 BENEFIT

Eagle Flies With Condor

A Kenosis Spirit Keeper's Fundraiser. Support a cultural exchange between Hopi and Q'ero, from Peru. Enjoy an evening of poetry, theater, music, silent auction, live art, and a healing circle.

8pm \$5-\$20 sliding scale*

30 DANCE

Venezuelan Music Project Presents
Canto, Fulia y Tambor

An evening with the *Venezuelan Music Project*, directed by **Jackeline Rago**, celebrating *Cantos de Fulia* as part of *La Cruz de Mayo* festivities. Dance to the *Tambores de San Juan*! We'll have *Arepas*, traditional Venezuelan food, at the Café Valparaíso.

8:30pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

SATURDAY

3 CONCERT

California's Música Mexicana Series, **Mariachi Postmoderno**, hosted by Jose Cuellar aka "Dr. Loco" presents

La Familia Peña-Govea

who will present a memorable program of Mexican rancheras, waltzes, polkas, boleros, and cumbias with great gusto!
7:30pm panel with artists.
8:30pm show; \$12 gen. (\$10 before 7:30pm)

10 CONCERT

Los Mapaches

Come join Los Mapaches for another fabulous evening of music from Latin America for the whole family. We dance with the drums on the coasts of Venezuela and Colombia, and bring you high into the Andes mountains with parading zampoñas. With slides from our 2007 trip to the Andes!

7pm \$10 gen. \$5 children

17 OPENING RECEPTION FOR CHATISMO 5:30-7PM CAFE LOBBY. MUSIC BY DJ CHEE-BO

HIP HOP
Youth Movement Records presents

"Free*Style"

CD release party for YMR's 5th Compilation! Featuring performances by: YMR All-Stars & DJ Cool-Hand Luke

9pm \$10
\$12 for entry + CD

24 BENEFIT

Benefit Concert for Berkeley Liberation Radio

Groups to be announced. Please check our website www.lapena.org Spon. by Berkeley Liberation Radio

8pm \$12-\$15 sliding scale*

31 CONCERT

CD Release Concert & Party!!
La Peña Community Chorus

proudly announces the completion of their 2nd CD! Come and help us celebrate its release and pick up a few of them for your friends & relatives! Featuring songs in Spanish, English, & Tzotzil that come from Cuba, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, and the U.S., plus a couple of surprises as well!
8pm \$15 adv. \$17 dr.

LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Theater: May 1-30. **Laney Printmakers**. The vitality with which most students delve into the medium of printmaking can be seen and felt in the variety of ways they approach image making.

Theater: June 6-July 25. **Mexico en el Pensamiento**.

Mixed Media, a collection of paintings, photographs and silkscreens inspired by Mexico.

Café & Lobby: May 3-June 29.

Original paintings by **Steven Chatismo Amado**. Straight out of Long Beach's East Village Arts District, Steven Amado is an up and coming painter and muralist whose work has been described as "Pop-Art, Dada, Surrealism, Tribal, non-objective designs, abstract expressionism, a little bit of everything - all done with a Latino twist & flare."



EL MUNDO DE MAYA Y INCA

Chabot Travel Studies 2008

May 30 - June 9, 2008 in Peru
Cuzco & Machu Pichu

December 27, 2008 - January 6, 2009 in Mexico
Mayan Ruins of Yucatan and Belize

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SFJAZZ Spring SEASON



PIANO LATINO
CHANO DOMINGUEZ TRIO; PABLO ZIEGLER TRIO

PALACE OF FINE ARTS THEATRE
"Chano is one of the ten best musicians in this world." —WYNTON MARSALIS

VOICES OF BRAZIL II
ROSA PASSOS
HERBST THEATRE

"She's made the bossa nova sexy again." —ALL ABOUT JAZZ

TICKETS: sfjazz.org | 866-920-JAZZ | Box Office (no service charge) Three Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level, SF

La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of Events • June 2008

(SEE MAY 08 ON THE BACK)



1975 • 33rd Anniversary • 2008

A local cultural center with a national reputation and a world vision

La Peña - Ayer, Hoy y P'alante

A work in progress presentation of a musical suite about La Peña and the cultural and social movements that have made our history. This artistic collaboration is led by renowned composer, Wayne Wallace with Aya de Leon (librettist) & the talented La Peña International Orchestra. *La Peña - Ayer, Hoy y P'alante* will develop over a three year period, with the premiere of the completed new work to take place in June 2010 during La Peña's 35th anniversary.

The 2008 La Peña International Orchestra includes Wayne Wallace, Aya de Leon, Lichi Fuentes, Maria Loreto, Ron Stallings, Saed Muhssin, Javier Navarrette, Raul Perales & special guest, Rafael Manriquez. This talented ensemble brings together its years of experience with La Peña and Chilean, Latin American, Latin Jazz, Afro-Caribbean, R&B, Arab, Hip-Hop, & Mapuche indigenous traditions.

La Peña
Ayer, Hoy...



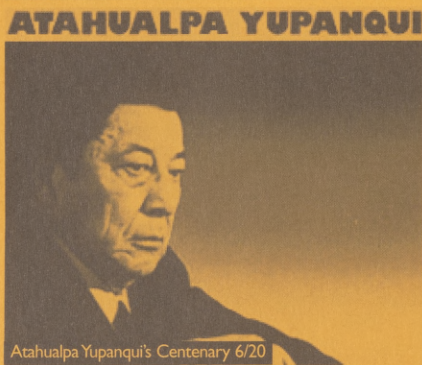
John Santos & Omar Sosa 6/6



Valerie Troutt 6/22



Between Two Worlds 6/21



Atahualpa Yupanqui's Centenary 6/20



Elio Villafranca 6/29



JUN 8
SU 7PM
FIESTA VENEZUELA
EDWARD SIMON; AQUILES BAEZ; VNOTE ENSEMBLE
W/ JACKELINE RAGO
HERBST THEATRE

JUN 13
F 8PM
WEST COAST PREMIERE: LA LEYENDA DEL CAÑAVERAL
DAVID SANCHEZ
HERBST THEATRE
"The most profound young tenor saxophonist working today." —CHICAGO TRIBUNE

TICKETS: sfjazz.org | 866-920-JAZZ | Box Office (no service charge)
Three Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level, SF



Jose Luis Orozco 6/7



Orquesta La Moderna Tradición 6/27

Help Support La Peña with eScrip

eScrip is a hassle-free way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

SUNDAY

1 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

CHECK LA PEÑA'S
WEB SITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION IN ENGLISH
AND SPANISH & FOR
UP-TO-THE-MINUTE
PROGRAMMING
WWW.LAPENA.ORG

8 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Not a big enough house
for all your guests?
Did you know you can
RENT US?
Plan your activity at La
Peña. Priority is given to
day time rentals
Call us at (510) 849-2568
exts. 17 or 11

15 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

LA PEÑA SELLING
Allen & Heath Professional
Mixing Console
Model GL220
\$800 or best offer
Call (510) 849-2568
ext. 19 for details.

22 CONCERT

Live Jazz Soul Album recording
featuring spokenword artist
Butta Fly Soul
From Russel Simmons Def poetry
Jam & Oakland's finest.
Valerie Troutt
A young modern singer creating stylistic
change in the vocal jazz tradition.
8pm \$12-\$20 sliding scale*
Free for youth 18 & under

29 CONCERT

An engaging evening of
Afro-Caribbean Jazz
Elio Villafranca /
John Santos Quartet
The Elio Villafranca / John Santos
Quartet will present original
compositions and standards with
creative arrangements derived from
the rich African Diaspora of Cuba and
the Americas.
7pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

WEDNESDAY

4 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

LA PEÑA WISH LIST
• Mac laptop with wireless
• PC laptop with wireless
capacity
• Clean carpet with sealed
edges, 10'X12'
for the kid's programs
• Shure 58 & 57 mics

11 CAFE POETRY
LESBIAN-IDENTIFIED WOMEN'S
POETRY & OPEN MIKE 7-9PM

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Want to do your part for Cultural
Activism for Social Justice? Become a
La Peña volunteer or intern today!
Internships for school credit can also
be arranged.
Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext.13
or email mariola@lapena.org

17 & 18 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY
PARADISE 7:30PM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 17, 18, & 19
La Peña's Hybrid & Experimental
Performance Ensemble presents
PARADOX
Combining movement, video, text & guerrilla theatre, PARADOX presents a
journey into the collective unconscious. An original work of metaphysical musings
that explores the power of performance to heal the spirit. PARADOX is both
story and non-story, theatre and non-theatre, teaching and non-teaching, being
and non-being. It is the space beyond the logical or rational where opposites
coexist and simultaneous truths converge. All is One. Directed by Marc Pinate.
8pm Tuesday 17 - \$5 gen.
Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 - \$7 general \$5 students

25 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Ticket Information

A \$2 discount is always applied to the General Admission price
for Students w/ID, Seniors (65 years and older), and Disabled,
unless the event is a benefit, has a sliding scale, or otherwise
noted.
Advance sale tickets are available for a **SELECT** number of
programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site,
www.lapena.org. **Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.**
People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20 to
arrange seating.

THURSDAY

5 ARTS CELEBRATION

Oasis High School
**Spring Arts
Celebration**
premiering two original student-
written plays, music, and poetry.
5:30pm Free

12 HIP HOP

Zephyr Productions Presents
B.A.R.S.: Break.Art.Rap.Scratch
Featuring
Company of Prophets
7:30pm dance with DJ TreatUNice
9pm poetry and Freestyle Battles,
10pm routine and one-on-one dance
battles. Live graffiti and open canvases
with provided markers.
Free stuff all night long.
7:30pm \$10, \$7 students w/ID

19 THEATER • 3 DAYS

26 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN



Las Bomberas de la Bahía 6/13

FRIDAY

6 CONCERT

Reunited in a rare duo presentation
for the first time in over six years
**Omar Sosa
& John Santos**
In a Live demo/lecture, they will share
the spiritual/political/musical elements
that drive their music. Their debut
recording, *Nfumbé: For The Unseen*, was
recorded live at La Peña in 1998 and
they will once again bring their highly-
acclaimed collaboration to La Peña.
8pm \$15 adv/door

13 CONCERT

An evening of Bomba Music & Dance
Bomberos de la Bahía
Founded in 2007, this collective of
Bomberos has actively contributed to
the growing of the tradition of Bomba;
Puerto Rico's oldest community &
dance tradition. Highlighting the
important role women play in these
traditions, *Las Bomberos de la Bahía*
will be performing their arrangements
of traditional Bomba songs.
8pm \$12

20 33RD ANNIVERSARY SHOW

Homage to his first
century of life
**Atahualpa
Yupanqui**
Maestro Atahualpa, the
legendary singer, guitarist & composer
from Argentina who passed away
fifteen years ago, is completely
alive in his music.
**Suni Paz, Rafael Manriquez, Lichi
Fuentes, Ramon Romero, Hugo
Wainzinger & Ingrid Rubis** will bring
us a selection of his
immortal songs.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

27 CUBAN MUSIC DANCE

Come listen to some great charanga,
& support the Bay Area's own playing
classic & modern Cuban dance music.
**Orquesta La Moderna
Tradición**
Hear the Orquesta performing great
Cuban dance music, from Danzón and
Cha-cha-cha to Songo and Timba,
as well as new arrangements of
compositions by Juan Carlos Formell.
You'll be dancing all night long!
9pm \$12

SATURDAY

7 JOSE LUIS OROZCO • 2 SHOWS
10AM & 11:15AM
BENEFIT FOR CENTROVIDA

33rd Anniversary
**La Peña
Open House**
A full evening of performances
featuring students from La Peña's
music and theater workshops.
Come see the performers of today
and tomorrow!
6pm-midnight Free
Donations happily accepted
to support La Peña's work.

14 33RD ANNIVERSARY SHOW

A work in progress music suite
**La Peña - Ayer,
Hoy
y P'alante**
A work in progress of a musical suite about
La Peña, created by renowned composer,
Wayne Wallace, with **Aya de Leon**
(librettist) and the talented
La Peña International Orchestra.
Opening by **Samora & Elena
Pinderhughes** & special guests.
8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.
See below for artist and project details

**21 LA PEÑAS 33RD ANNIVERSARY
PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIER**

**Between Two Worlds:
Voices of the Elders & the Youth**
A new documentary about the story of
the Mapuche peoples' struggle to retain
their indigenous culture in the modern
world of Southern Chile. A collective
vision of a people trying to preserve
what is most sacred to them: their land
and culture. Q&A with filmmakers.
8pm \$10
Produced by Pachamama Conservation

28 Plenty: A Potluck of Books & Beats.

Bring books, cultural DVDs,
CDs, records and tapes and be ready
to stock up on what others brought to share.
**12 - 3pm \$5 w/books & beats to share, \$10
without.** See below for more info.
Based out of the South Bay
representing all Latino America
La Colectiva
Being all students of Folklor
LatinoAmericano we use that as our
base in creating a very raw roots
hard driving sound.
Cumbia Colombiana, salsa, Son y mas.
9pm \$10

HUNGRY FOR FRESH READS & TUNES?



SAT. JUNE 28. 12-3PM
\$5 WITH BOOKS & BEATS TO SHARE, \$10 WITHOUT

Plenty: A Potluck of Books & Beats
La Pena's first community exchange, potluck style! Bring books, DVDs with a cultural
flavor, CDs, records, & tapes no longer crucial to your collection. Be ready to stock
up with what others have brought to share. Intact covers will help people find what
suits their tastes. Get your goods as DJ Manifesto dishes out a delectable blend of
ancient and electric rhythms from across the globe.



La Colectiva 6/28

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!

Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission,
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, East Bay Community Foundation,
Ford Foundation, Gerbode Foundation, National Performance
Network, The James Irvine Foundation, National Endowment for the
Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, San Francisco Foundation, Walter and
Elise Haas Fund, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Vanguard
Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund
and to our many generous individual donors.

Making a Difference through the Arts!

**Yes, I want to Support La Peña's
33rd year of making a difference
through the arts!**

La Peña is a 501c non-profit organization and donations
are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

- ☐ **\$500 Padrino/Madrina** – receive an **Annual Pass**, which gets you free
admission to **all La Peña events**
☐ **\$250 Victor Jara** – receive **4 Free Tickets** to any La Peña event
☐ **\$100 Paul Robeson** – receive **2 Free Tickets** to any La Peña event
☐ **\$50 Malvina Reynolds** – receive **1 Free Ticket** to any La Peña event
☐ **\$35 Compañero/Compañera** – You invest in La Peña and receive the
calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)
☐ **\$25 Activista** – Student, fixed income, low income membership with
calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$2 per month)

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